

WILDLIFE TECHNICIAN

DEFINITION: Under general supervision, provides technical support work of moderate difficulty in gathering data on wildlife species and habitat information for utilization in the planning, protection and management of wildlife activity on lands under jurisdiction of the Navajo Nation; performs related work as assigned.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS: This list is ILLUSTRATIVE ONLY and is not a comprehensive listing of all functions and tasks performed by incumbents of this class.

TASKS:

Assists with the development and management of wildlife programs; assists professional staff in gathering field data to determine population status, trends and problems of wildlife species; captures, marks, measures, treats and transplants wildlife; determines from such study the number of hunting permits that can be issued, including length and date of hunting season; monitors big game hunt check stations; assists with measurements on antlers, weight, general health assessments and determines age of animals; collects wildlife specimens for necropsy according to sampling scheme designated by professional biologists or researchers; assists with laboratory specimen preparation and analysis.

Assists with enhancing wildlife habitat by securing water, range feed and other projects for wildlife; conducts sampling, collection and inputs data into database; propagates native plants for re-vegetation of riparian areas; assists with vegetation measurements to determine population densities, distribution, movements and size; assists in potting, pruning, fertilizing and watering plants; assists botanist, zoologist and wildlife biologist with field projects as needed; assists in gathering information for environmental assessments; gathers data from a variety of sources and prepares written reports.

Cleans and maintains around lakeshores; installs fishing regulations and signs; maintains equipment and facilities as necessary; conducts presentations to civic groups, tribal officials and the public including hunter education classes; attends meetings, workshops and training as needed.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND OTHER CHARACTERISTICS:

Knowledge of basic wildlife management and/or wildlife research.
Knowledge of basic research and statistical methods and techniques.
Knowledge of the safe operation of a variety of equipment used in the course of work.
Knowledge of assigned wildlife taxonomy.
Skill in collecting wildlife data.
Skill in maintaining records and preparing reports.
Skill in learning basic research design and methods.
Skill in establishing and maintaining effective working relationships.

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS AND WORK ENVIRONMENT: Work requires lifting up to 75 lbs. and working in an outdoor setting with exposure to weather conditions.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

- A high school diploma or GED, supplemented by college level coursework which includes a minimum of twenty (20) semester hours in Wildlife Biology, Wildlife Management or a closely related field; and two (2) year experience in wildlife research or wildlife management.

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS:

- An Associate's degree in Biology or related field.

THE NAVAJO NATION

Class Code: 3182
Natural Resources and Parks Series
Wildlife Management Group
Overtime Code: Non-Exempt
Pay Grade: 58

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SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

- Possess a valid state driver's license.

Supplemental Requirements:

Incumbent must obtain a Navajo Nation Vehicle Operator's Permit within 90 days of date of hire.

Depending upon the needs of the Nation, some incumbents of the class may be required to demonstrate fluency in both the Navajo and English languages as a condition of employment.